



Crop Report for the Period April 20 to April 26, 2010

Saskatchewan farmers have begun seeding. One per cent of the 2010 crop is in the ground, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report.

Seeding has progressed the most in the southwestern and southeastern regions, where four and one per cent respectively, of the seeding is complete.

Across the province, topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 12 per cent surplus, 75 per cent adequate, 12 per cent short and one per cent very short. Topsoil moisture on hay land and pasture is rated as six per cent surplus, 71 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and three per cent very short. As a result of the last couple of weeks' rain, more than 50 per cent of the land in the northeastern region has surplus moisture. In the southwestern and west-central areas, more than

20 per cent of the land is short or very short of moisture.

Rain showers rolled through most of the province during the past week.

Pasture conditions are rated as five per cent excellent, 43 per cent good, 33 per cent fair, 13 per cent poor and six per cent very poor. Eighty-nine per cent of livestock producers have adequate water supplies for their livestock, while 11 per cent are short of water for their animals.

Farmers and ranchers are busy applying fertilizer, picking rocks, cleaning seed, controlling weeds and gophers, calving and readying machinery for seeding.

One year ago
Less than one per cent of the 2009 crop had been seeded. Snow disrupted seeding progress.

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

The region has approximately one per cent of the 2010 crop in the ground. Crop districts 1A and 3ASE have five and three per cent seeded. Peas, cereals and some canola are being seeded. Spotty showers during the week dropped an average of 6 mm of rain. The Grenfell area recorded 18 mm; the Gainsborough, Alameda and Kennedy areas received 10 mm. Farmers in the southern regions had snow on April 25 and 26, but it melted quickly.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved since last week. Topsoil moisture on cropland is two per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate, eight per cent short and two per cent very short. On hay land and pasture, topsoil moisture is rated as 79 per cent adequate, 18 per cent short and three per cent

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very short. CD 1A is shorter on in topsoil moisture than other districts in the region.

Pasture conditions going into May are four per cent excellent, 53 per cent good, 30 per cent fair, 11 per cent poor and two per cent very poor. CDs 1A and 1B have higher percentages in the fair and poor rating compared to the other crop districts in the region. Most of the region has a good supply of livestock water: 96 per cent of livestock producers indicate they have an adequate supply and four per cent indicate an inadequate supply.

Farmers are busy with pre-seeding field work, calving and fixing fences. With the recent moisture and warm weather, fields and pastures are starting to green up. Pre-seeding weed control was interrupted by showers and below-zero temperatures at night.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Four per cent of the crop is seeded in the southwestern region. CDs 3ASW, 3AN, 4A and 4B are reporting one, two, three and nine per cent of seeding is complete, respectively. It is primarily pulses and wheat that are being seeded. CDs 3BS and 3BN have four per cent of the crop in the ground. Spotty showers across the region resulted in 4 mm of moisture, on average. The Liseux area received 15 mm, Rush Lake and Stewart Valley recorded 12 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved on cropland since last week. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 72 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture moisture conditions are 60 per cent adequate, 34 per cent short and six per cent very short. Pasture conditions in the region are one per cent excellent, 43 per cent good, 39 per cent fair, 12 per cent poor and five per cent very poor. CDs 3BN and 4A are reporting 25 per cent of pastures are in poor condition. Eighty-one per cent of the region's livestock producers have an adequate livestock water supply and 19 per cent have an inadequate water supply.

Most farmers are ready to begin seeding once the current weather system passes. The recent rain and warm weather has pastures greening up. Farmers in the irrigation districts are fertilizing hay land. A cooler week has made pre-seeding weed control difficult for some. Livestock producers are busy calving and preparing to move cattle out to pasture.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Farmers in the region have just started seeding. CD 5A has one per cent of the crop in the ground. A few farmers in CDs 5B and 6A have started seeding as well. Peas and cereals are going in. Moisture fell on most of the region, with CD 5A averaging 9 mm, CD 5B 17 mm and CD 6A 3 mm. The Neudorf area received 26 mm, the Foam Lake area 27 mm and the Leroy area 11 mm.

The past couple of weeks' rain has left some areas in the region with surplus topsoil moisture. Ratings for cropland are 18 per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Pasture and hay land ratings are 10 per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and

seven per cent short. Due to the moisture, pasture conditions going into May are rated fairly well compared to the other regions. Eleven per cent of the pastures are rated as excellent, 46 per cent good, 24 per cent fair, 13 per cent poor and six per cent very poor. Livestock water availability is recorded as 97 per cent adequate and three per cent inadequate.

Farmers are busy applying fertilizer and getting seeding equipment ready to hit the fields. Livestock producers are calving and fixing fences. Some fields are too wet for field work, but should dry up in the next week or so. Pasture and hay land seems to be greening up faster than last year at this time. There is adequate availability of crop inputs.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Crop reporters are indicating a few farmers have begun seeding in the Elbow, Conquest, Rosetown, Brock and Marengo areas. The region received 4 mm of moisture on average. The Hanley and Luseland areas received 13 and 10 mm, respectively.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are 74 per cent adequate, 22 per cent short and four per cent very short. Pasture and hay land topsoil moisture conditions are rated as 70 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and four per cent very short. CD 7A is 12 and 20 per cent very short on topsoil moisture for cropland and hay land and pasture, respectively.

Pasture conditions in the region are three per cent excellent, 31 per cent good, 42 per cent fair, 16 per cent poor and seven per cent very poor. The recent moisture has helped pasture conditions; however, due to very dry conditions in previous years, more moisture is needed to raise pasture conditions to a fair or good rating. Livestock water supplies are 66 per cent adequate and 34 per cent inadequate.

There are some local shortages of weed control products and inoculants.

The cooler weather has disrupted pre-seeding weed control. Farmers are preparing for seeding, applying fertilizer, cleaning seed, moving grain, calving and hauling cattle to pasture.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

With the exception of a few farmers in the Vonda area, most of the region's farmers have not placed any seed in the ground. The region received an average of 9 mm of moisture. The Star City and Tisdale areas received 18 mm, Lake Lenore and Humboldt areas 9 mm and the Garrick area 14 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved since last week. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 57 per cent surplus, 42 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture is 51 per cent surplus, 47 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Pasture conditions are reported as 11 per cent excellent, 43 per cent good, 14 per cent fair, 15 per cent poor and 17 per cent very poor. Ninety- nine per cent of livestock producers have

adequate water supplies for cattle.

Farmers are calving, readying machinery and cleaning grain. Most field work has yet to begin. Farmers in the region need some warm and dry weather for fields to be ready for seeding. A few farmers in the Alvena area were combining last year's crop.

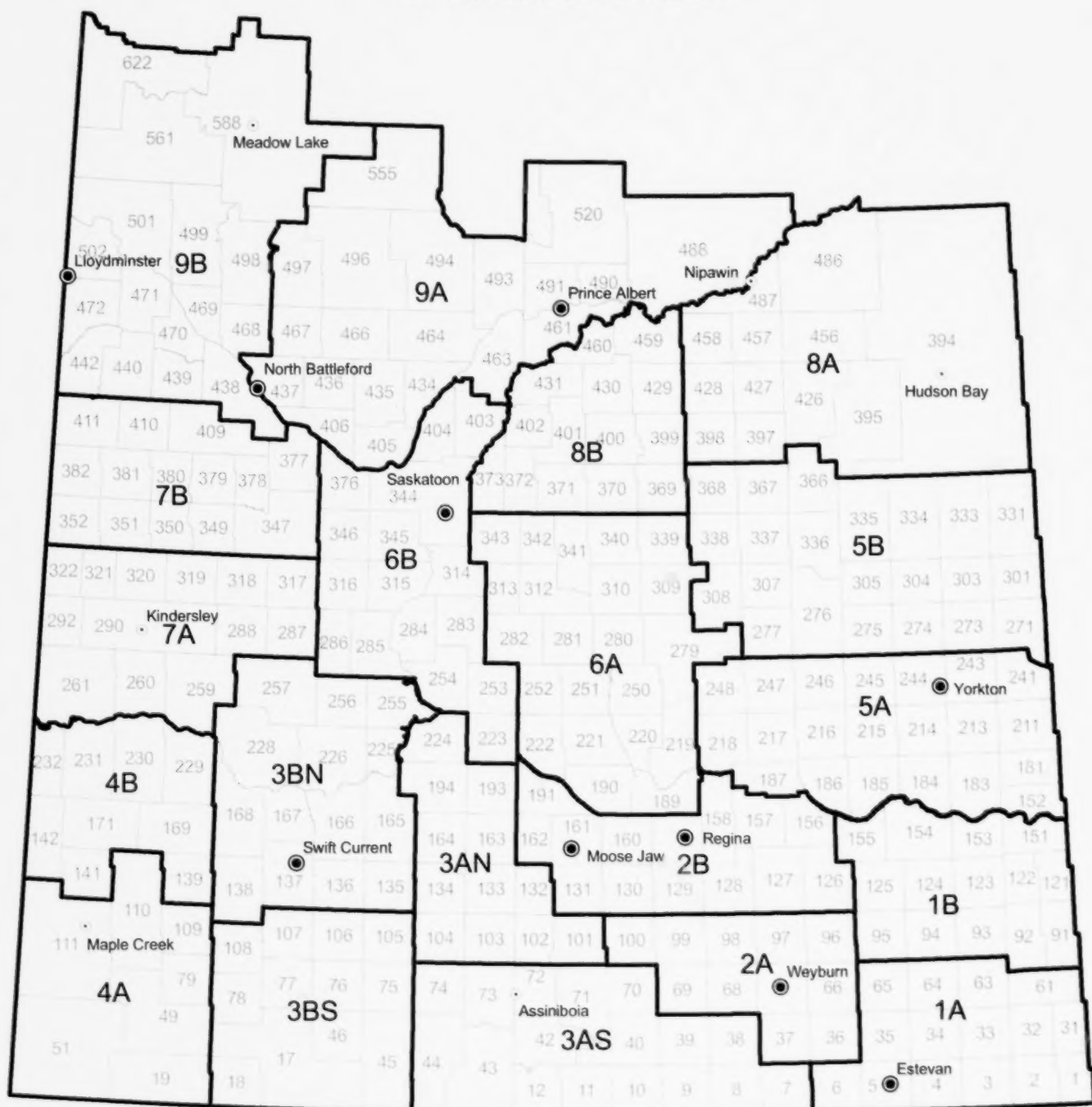
Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

A few farmers are beginning to seed in the Spiritwood and Turtleford areas. The region received an average of 11 mm of moisture. The Spiritwood area received 24 mm, the Barthel and Rapid View areas received 23 mm, while the Glaslyn area received 11 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions have improved for the region. Cropland conditions are one per cent surplus, 84 per cent adequate and 15 per cent short. Pasture and hay land conditions are 79 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and one per cent very short. Pasture conditions are rated as 35 per cent good, 49 per cent fair and 16 per cent poor. Ninety-one per cent of the region's livestock producers have adequate water for their animals.

Farmers are busy readying equipment, calving, cleaning seed and applying fertilizer. Pastures are responding to the warm weather and moisture, however they were grazed fairly hard last year in areas. Most crops left out over the winter have been combined.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period April 20 to 26, 2010

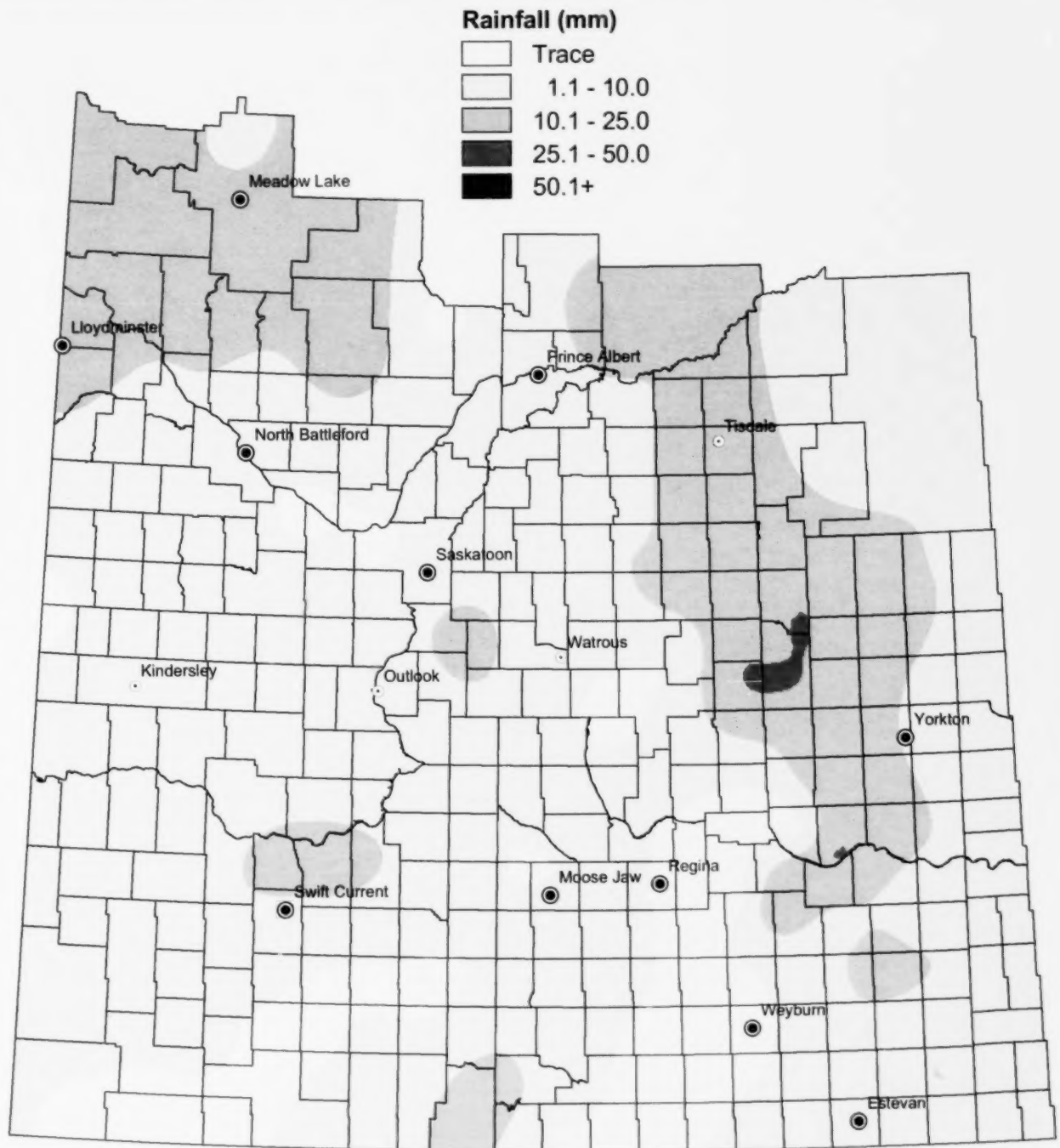
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1A	1	Argyle		10 33	4A	49	White Valley	NIL	38	7B	347 A	Biggar		N/A
	2	Mount Pleasant		9 24		49 A	White Valley	2	26		350 A	Mariposa	6	54
	3	Enniskillen		7 24		51	Reno	2	20		350 B	Mariposa	5	28
	33 A	Moose Creek		10 39		79	Arlington	N/A	15		351	Progress	7	50
	33 B	Moose Creek		10 40		109	Carmichael	N/A	26		352	Heart's Hill	NIL	40
	34	Browning		4 27		110	Pisgot	N/A	15		377	Glenside	TR	50
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		111	Maple Creek	7	22		378 A	Rosemount	3	50
	63	Moose Mountain		3 23	4B	139	Gull Lake	3	24		378 B	Rosemount	3	39
	64	Brook		4 22		141	Big Stick	6	31		379	Reford	4	43
	65	Tecumseh		7 17		142	Enterprise	N/A	36		380	Tramping Lake	5	37
1B	91	Manlyfield	N/A	24		169	Pittville	N/A	1		381	Grass Lake	10	70
	92	Walpole		6 30		171	Fox Valley	6	31		382	Eye Hill	5	53
	93	Wawken		10 22		231	Happyland	2	34		408	Prairie	N/A	N/A
	95	Golden West		14 29	5A	181	Langenberg	4	18					
	122	Marlin		5 30		163	Fertile Bolt	9	21		409	Buffalo	N/A	38
	123 A	Silverwood		3 14		165	McLeod	26	45		410	Round Valley	5	31
	123 B	Silverwood	N/A	N/A		186	Abermethy	2	23		411	Senlac	7	46
	124	Kingslley	N/A	N/A		211	Churchbridge	3	20	8A	395	Porcupine	6	18
	125	Chester		5 23		213	Saltcoats	N/A	27		397	Barner Valley	N/A	33
	151 A	Rocanville		7 19		216 B	Tullymet	N/A	5		428	Star City	18	53
	151 B	Rocanville		5 18		241	Calder	1	23		456	Arbordfield	6	18
	153	Willowdale		2 15		243	Wallace	2	26		457	Connaught	18	48
	154	Elcapo	N/A	N/A		245 A	Garry	21	46		458	Willow Creek	11	41
	155	Wolseley		18 36		245 B	Garry	23	49		486	Moose Range	9	28
						246	Ituna Bon Accord	7	31	8B	369	St. Peter	9	62
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	3		247	Kellross	8	33		370	Humboldt	9	84
	67	Weyburn	TR	15		248	Touchwood	N/A	N/A		371	Bayne	5	68
	68	Brokenshell		1 10	5B	271	Cole	2	14		372	Grant	6	52
	69	Norton	NIL	23		275	Insinger	N/A	N/A		402	Fish Creek	4	43
	96	Fillmore		4 14		276 A	Foam Lake	N/A	N/A		429 A	Flett's Springs	6	6
	97	Wellington	TR	14		277	Emerald	27	53		429 B	Flett's Springs	6	62
2B	127 A	Francis		14 22		278	Kutawa	N/A	N/A		430	Invergordon	N/A	43
	127 B	Francis		3 3		305	Invermay	21	49		459	Kinistino	8	66
	129	Bratt's Lake		1 21		307	Elfros	17	58	9AE	461	Prince Albert	8	84
	156 A	Indian Head		15 29		308	Big Quill	2	33		488	Torch River	14	14
	156 B	Indian Head		9 17		333	Clayton	N/A	18		520	Paddockwood	N/A	67
	157	South Qu'Appelle	N/A	N/A		335	Hazel Dell	23	34	9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	31
	160	Perse	N/A	20		336	Sasman	25	50		435	Redberry	5	62
	161	Moose Jaw	N/A	N/A		337	Lakeview	20	60		436	Douglas	4	37
	191	Marquis		0 25		338	Lakeside	16	53		463	Duck Lake	5	55
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	N/A	7		366	Kelvington	19	46		464	Leask	N/A	87
	38 B	Laurier	N/A	12	6A	190 A	Duffenn	2	25		467	Round Hill	N/A	N/A
	39 A	The Gap	N/A	17		190 B	Duffenn	2	39		494	Canwood	NIL	56
	39 B	The Gap	TR	15		190 C	Duffenn	2	25		496	Spintwood	24	74
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	TR	16		190 D	Duffenn	N/A	N/A		497	Medstead	6	38
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	N/A		219 A	Longlaketon	N/A	40	9B	438	Battle River	2	22
	12	Poplar Valley		4 12		219 B	Longlaketon	1	44		440	Hillsdale	N/A	10
	40	Bengough		3 25		220	Mckillop	2	22		442	Manitou Lake	10	60
	42	Willow Bunch		15 23		221	Samia	N/A	22		498 A	Parkdale	11	55
	43	Old Post		13 21		222	Craik	5	35		498 B	Parkdale	15	59
	44	Waverley		3 15		251	Big Arm	2	48		499	Mervin	12	62
	70	Key West	N/A	1		252	Arm River	7	14		501 A	Frenchman Butte	14	57
	71 A	Excel		3 17		279 A	Mount Hope	N/A	N/A		501 B	Frenchman Butte	12	62
	71 B	Excel		2 18		280	Wreford	1	71		501 C	Frenchman Butte	N/A	53
						282	McCraney	N/A	N/A		502	Britannia	13	70
	73 A	Stonehenge		4 19		309	Prairie Rose	N/A	39		561	Loon Lake	23	64
	73 B	Stonehenge		5 20		313	Lost River	N/A	31		588 A	Meadow Lake	14	71
	74	Wood River		3 12		339	Leroy	11	58		588 B	Meadow Lake	23	100
3AN	101	Terrell		6 22		340	Wolverine	5	86		588 C	Meadow Lake	N/A	66
	102	Lake Johnston		10 21		341	Viscount	N/A	48		588 D	Meadow Lake	8	62
	103	Sutton	NIL	16		343	Blucher	N/A	43		622	Beaver River	22	148
	134	Shamrock	N/A	19	6B	253	Willner	7	20					
	164	Chaplin		8 26		283	Rosedale	11	38					
	193 A	Eyebrow	N/A	N/A		284	Rudy	3	22					
	194	Enfield		9 25		285	Fertile Valley	2	27					
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	N/A	N/A		286	Milden	3	31					
	45	Mankota		2 30		314	Dundum	13	44					
	75 A	Pinto Creek		2 24		344	Corman Park	NIL	30					
	75 B	Pinto Creek	N/A	20		346	Perdue	N/A	49					
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	15		376 A	Eagle Creek	2	45					
	76 B	Auvergne	TR	13		376 B	Eagle Creek	TR	48					
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	18	7A	260	Newcombe	4	27					
	78 A	Grassy Creek		3 25		287	St. Andrews	2	26					
	78 B	Grassy Creek		2 26		288	Pleasant Valley	2	33					
	78 C	Grassy Creek		3 26		290 A	Kindersley	2	25					
	105	Glenbain	TR	13		290 B	Kindersley	5	23					
	106	Whiska Creek	TR	14		292	Milton	2	39					
	107	Lac Pelleber	N/A	N/A		317 A	Marmott	N/A	N/A					
	108	Bone Creek		2 22		317 B	Marmott	3	42					
3BN	138	Webb		6 26		318 A	Mountain View	2	23					
	165	Morse	N/A	N/A		318 B	Mountain View	4	36					
	166	Excelsior		12 25		320	Oakdale	5	39					
	167	Sask. Landing		12 28		321	Prainedale	3	46					
	168	Riverside		10 27										
	226	Victory	N/A	32										
	228 B	Lacadena	N/A	N/A										
	255	Coleau	N/A	N/A										
	257	Monet		5 21										

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending April 26, 2010



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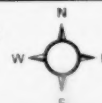


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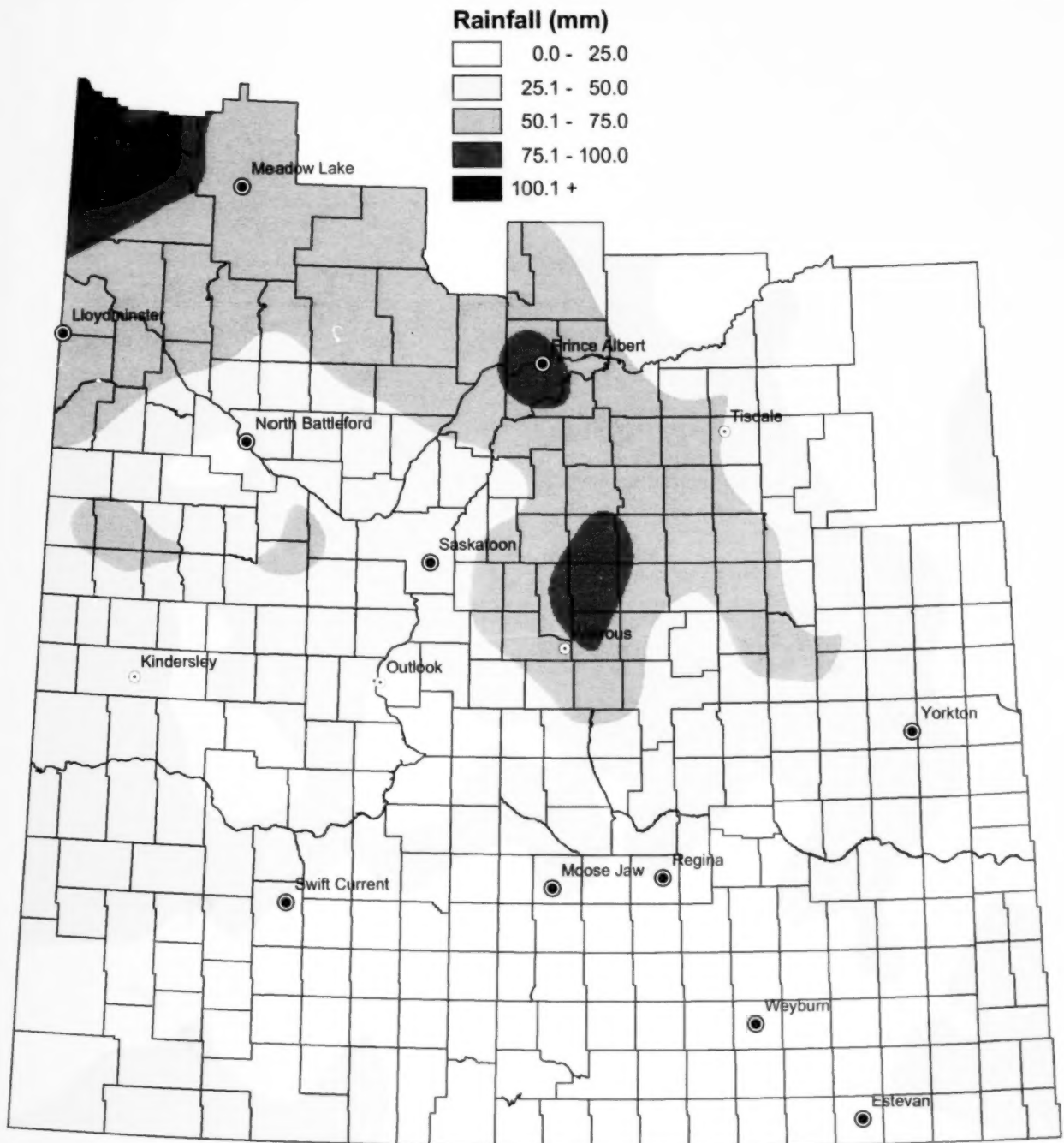
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Cumulative Rainfall

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To: April 26, 2010



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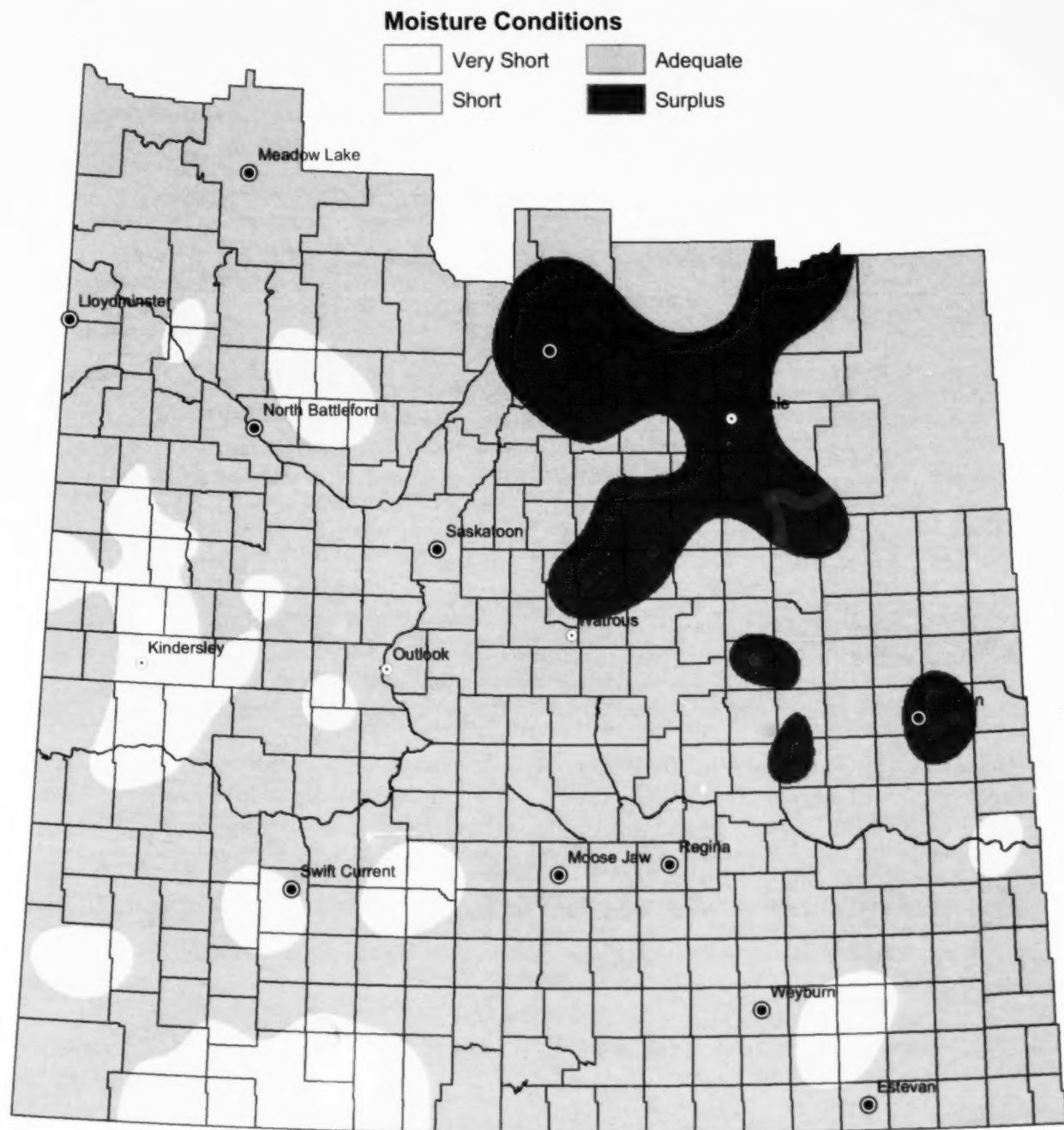


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Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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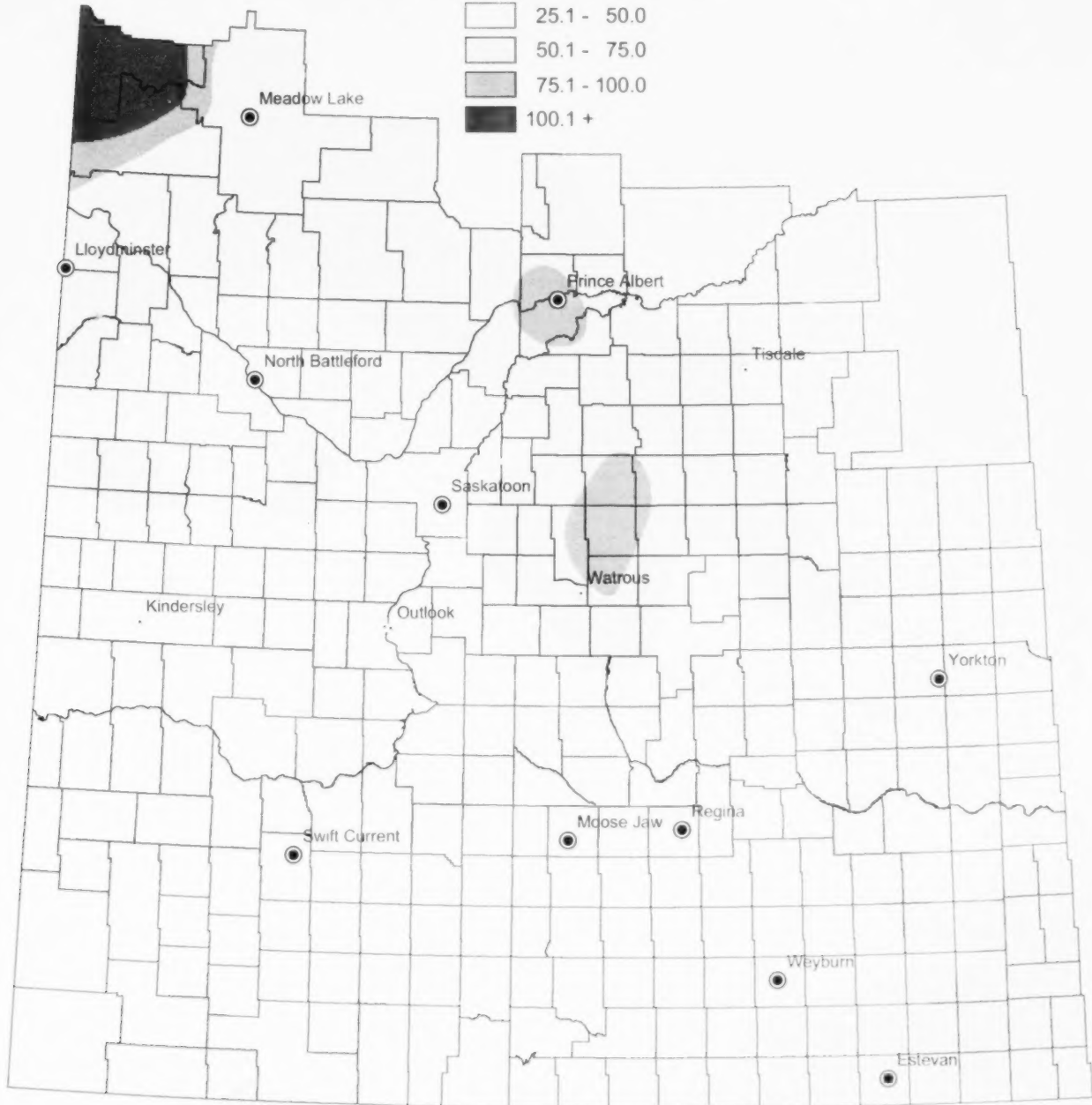
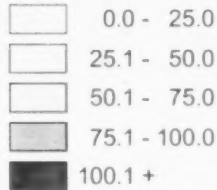
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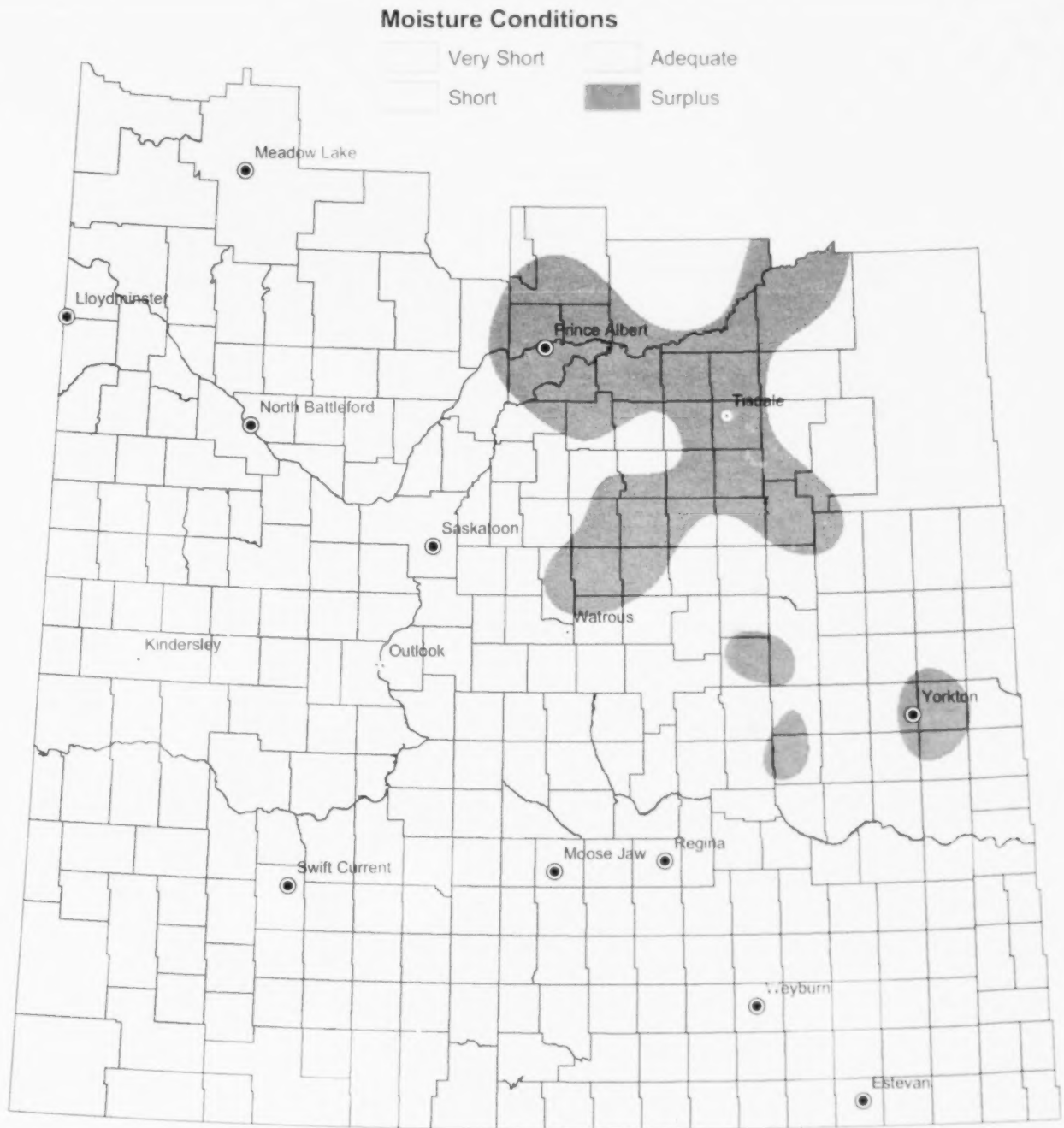


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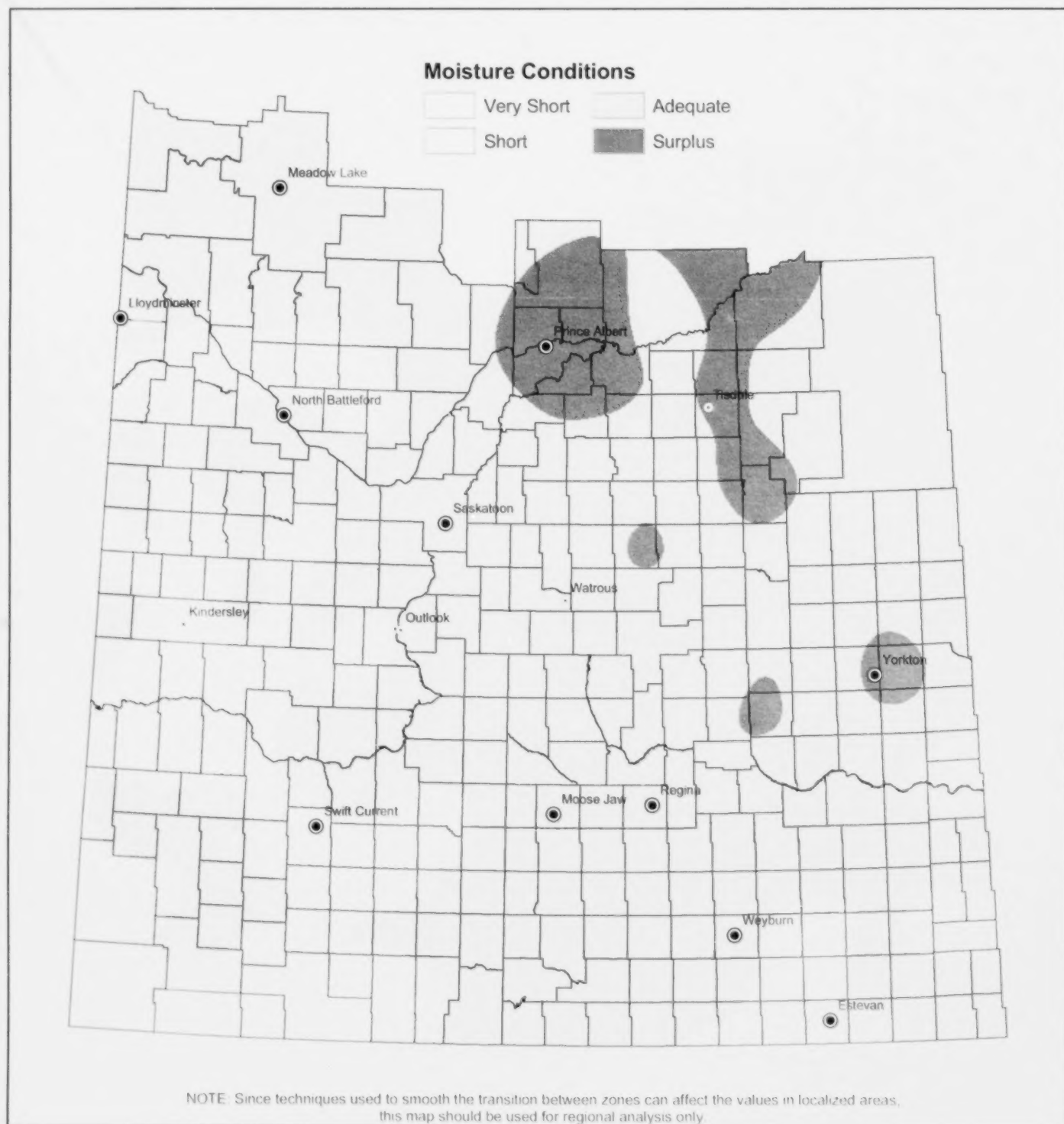


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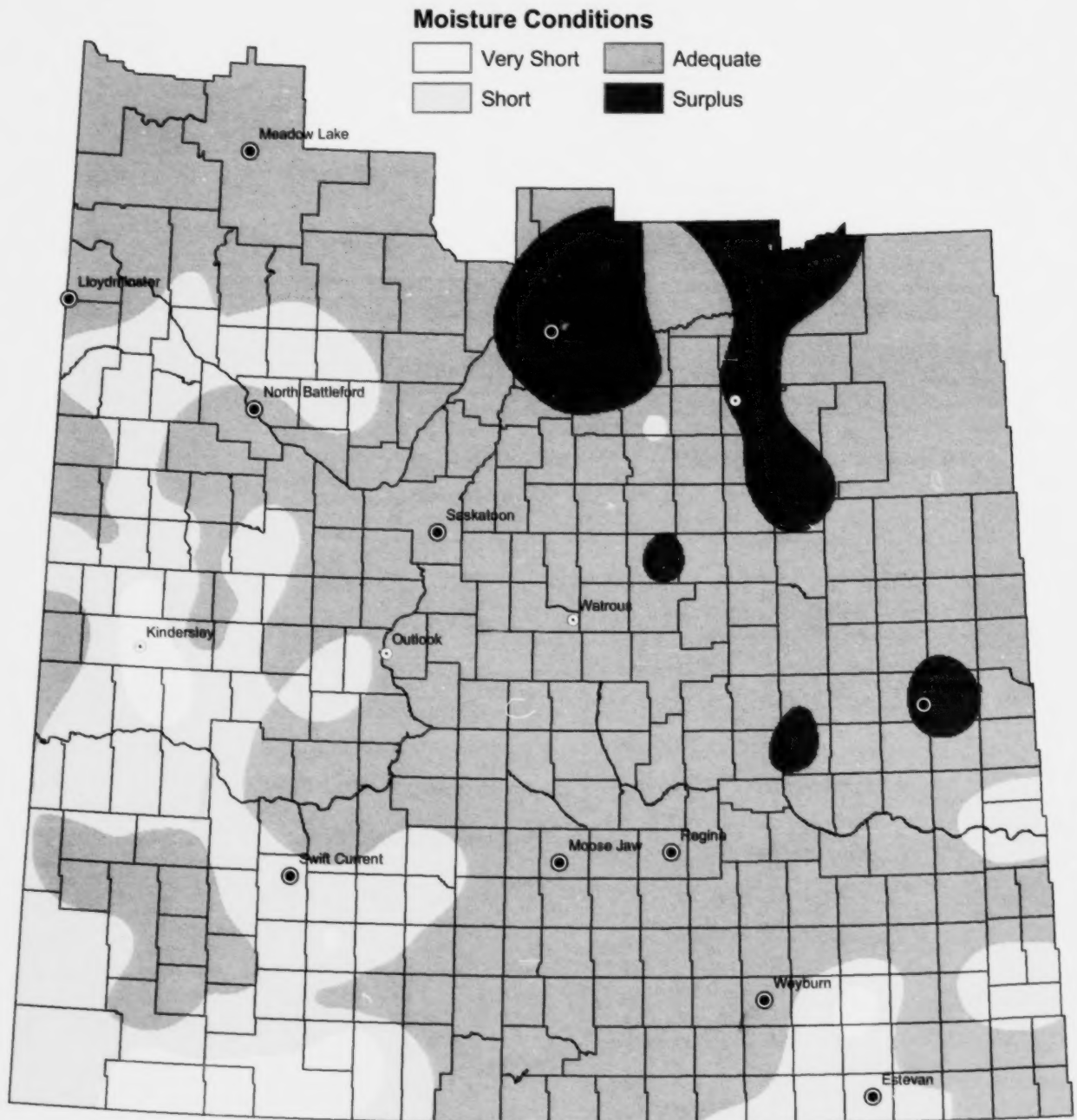
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